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They're off! All ages participated in the 3K Run/Walk, in the Ahmadiyya Muslim community's Run for Bradford (BWG) on Saturday, May 23.

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

May 23 was a day of celebration in Bradford – celebrating everything that gives the community its unique character, from its agricultural roots to its multi-cultural population.

Saturday saw the opening of the Bradford Farmers' Market; the annual Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Run for Bradford (BWG) – a fundraiser for leisure, culture and heritage; and the BWG Diversity Action Group's launch of a Peace Tree, and announcement of the winners of the "What Diversity Means to Me" essay contest.

It all took place in and around the Bradford Public Library and Cultural Centre, which has become the heart and hub of the community since it opened its doors in 2011.

At the Bradford Farmers' Market, shoppers bought fresh produce, the cured meats of European meat, Sheldon dairy products and Empire cheeses, hand-made soaps, baked goods, jams and preserves, cut flowers, crafts and dog treats from new and returning vendors.

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Updating the town's IT

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury hired a consultant last August, to assess its information technology (IT) systems, and ensure that the municipality is "ultimately deploying new technology in the most cost-effective method possible." On May 19, Susan Chase of Prior & Prior Associates presented her findings – urging a more co-ordinated team approach to IT, to provide services to staff and the public.

"Technology is absolutely everywhere now," Chase told councillors. "Ultimately, what we want is for the technology to meet the expectations of everyone" - field crews, inside workers, administration, council, and residents.

Challenges within the existing IT system were identified, through online surveys, interviews and workshops. Slow networks, a tight budget, increasing virus and spam attacks, cumbersome business systems were identified, supporting the need for an update, and better planning.

Among the key needs: centralized data management and storage, an IT security assessment, and in particular, a disaster recovery plan. "Your data is one of your most valuable assets," Chase told council; there is a need for improved security to protect that asset.

The town also needs to update its business systems – its software, for services that include financial systems and payrolls, and better integrate its services, she said.

The consultant had praise for the town's small but busy IT department, but identified a lack of management, and "very little opportunity to plan ahead." Instead, the team is "fighting fires," responding to problems with no resources for software development or analysis.

IT, she said, needs to be more "proactive and strategic... not just keeping the lights on."

The IT Master Plan recommends hiring a new Senior IT Management position, and creating a "hybrid" department, combining outsourcing and internal expertise. "You can't afford all the technology you need," she told council, suggesting that the town utilize third-party services, consultants, and the expertise of software providers to provide greater depth.

She also recommended removing the GIS Mapping function from engineering, and bringing it under the new, expanded IT division – to ensure that the mapping technology is available to a wider range of departments and applications.

The report recommends an IT division that is "a lot bigger than what the department is now," Chase admitted, with two new positions – IT "director" and a support analyst – in addition to the two existing IT employees, and outsourcing.

The expansion would allow IT to divide its attention between two areas of specialization, Client Application services, and Technology Infrastructure services. "Get the right people on the team, and you'll get the right results," Chase said, urging a "corporate, co-ordinated approach to IT," that will set priorities, look at technology, process and planning, and make the right investments in core infrastructure.

Councillor Gary Lamb wanted to ensure that the new approach would link up to other external initiatives. "The County (of Simcoe) is putting forth initiatives as well. How do we marry with the county?" Lamb asked.

"We strongly, strongly recommend partnerships," not only with the county, but with other neighbouring municipalities, like York Region, Chase said. She pointed out that Prior & Prior has worked on the new county IT system – and Chase herself is IT Director for the Town of Newmarket. "Partnerships have to happen. We can't be silos any more."

Deputy Mayor James Leduc noted that there is a cost involved– with about $870,000 budgeted, to 2017, and another $400,000 for implementation – but added, "It is a needed thing."

Council, in Committee of the Whole, voted to endorse the IT Master Plan "in principle."

Breakfast with the mayor

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The annual Mayor's Breakfast, held at the Lusitano Banquet Hall in Bradford on May 21, was not only a networking opportunity for members of the Bradford board of trade, senior town staff, council and the community at large, but an opportunity to hear more about the achievements and future direction of the municipality.

Deputy Mayor James Leduc spoke of the tide of public opinion that swept a new council into office, in the last municipal election. "We heard the message, that the residents want to be heard," he said.

The result has been a focus on public engagement, through the establishment of new committees, and a series of monthly CAN Meetings, allowing residents to meet and question their ward councillor and mayor, in an informal setting. "These meetings have been very successful," Leduc said. "We want to make sure we hear our residents."

He said that the new council has refreshed the town's strategic plan, promising to create a "complete community, with opportunities for all," and work in an "effective and efficient" manner to meet the needs of residents.

Council also brought in a budget containing a 0.59% increase in the tax rate, "without any cuts to services," Leduc said. "Again that was a message from our residents, that taxes were out of control and too high."

The deputy mayor touched on seniors' housing, affordable housing, arts and culture, traffic concerns – before introducing Mayor Rob Keffer, "a champion for agriculture, and a protector of the environment."

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Bradford West Gwillimbury mayor Rob Keffer speaks at the Breakfast with the Mayor event, hosted by the Bradford Board of Trade at Lusitano Banquet Hall in Bradford on Thursday, May 21.

Mayor Keffer began his comments by focussing on the "big picture."

"I think we can only talk about Bradford West Gwillimbury in the context of our region," the mayor told the crowd. BWG holds a unique position, as the southern-most municipality in Simcoe County, with strong ties to York Region, he noted.

"We are somewhat GTA and suburban, as well as being a farming community," Keffer said – facing problems of traffic congestion and rapid growth, as well as the need to preserve agricultural lands.

The mayor spoke of the importance of reaching out to other municipalities and levels of government – including the City of Barrie, County of Simcoe; federal and provincial governments. He said he has been in talks with the minister of transportation, regarding better co-ordination of GO transit, and the Hwy. 400-404 Link.

"This kind of co-operation and collaboration behind the scenes is very important," Keffer said, noting that the town will be participating in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in June, to work on "big picture" issues – including the federal government's promise of $1 billion in dedicated transit funding, starting in two years. "That is good news," but there is a need for more details, on how the funding will impact smaller municipalities, the Mayor said.

"Together we can get so much accomplished," Keffer concluded. "That is the big picture, that will take time and endeavor."

Locally, the focus will be on getting infrastructure in place, extending servicing to the Hwy. 400 employment lands, pushing for the 400-404 link, and establishing new public forums on culture, the environment, diversity and heritage.

"I'm very proud of the very open, collaborative approach of town council," Mayor Keffer said – responsive to both business and residents, focusing on "getting the little things right... and trying to position Bradford West Gwillimbury as a leader in Simcoe County."

The next CAN (Community Access Networking) meeting will be held with Ward 3 Councillor Gary Lamb, on Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. All residents are invited to attend.

Raising the Italian flag

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be raising the Italian flag at the court house on Holland St. East, Saturday, May 31, at 1:30 p.m. The flag-raising will recognize Festa Della Repubblica Italiana Week in Bradford West Gwillimbury – a celebration of the decision by the Italian people to establish a republic, following the Second World War.

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Shaking up the departments

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The organizational structure of Bradford West Gwillimbury hasn't changed since 2006 - when building and planning were rolled into one department, and parks, recreation, facilities and cemeteries became "Leisure Services."

The town's CAO Geoff McKnight proposed an organizational review and realignment in the May 19 meeting of council, reshuffling departments "to better align like-minded service groups, (and) set up a clear line of accountability."

In addition to the existing fire and emergency services, economic development, human resources and financial services departments, the realignment proposes three new departments:

. Corporate Services, combining Information Technology and Legislative Services, under the direction of current Director of Legislative Services, Rebecca Murphy.

. Development and Infrastructure Services – Engineering, Infrastructure, Planning and Development, and capital projects, under Director of Engineering, Arup Mukherjee. The goal is to streamline the process of development, from official plan to permits, inspections and grading review.

. Community Services – combining asset management and operations for Public Works, Transportation (including Transit), Water/Wastewater, and Leisure Services. The report noted, "Whether the subject is a road, sewer, parking lot, street tree, library or soccer pitch – all are assets that require maintenance and eventual replacement... Bringing these divisions together will facilitate a common approach not just to asset management, but also to establishing appropriate service levels and pursuing operational efficiencies."

The report also recognizes that it will take time to disentangle the existing overlap, and make changes to payroll and IT networks, and to recruit a new Director of Community Services.

The realignment eliminates one directorate – but the funds saved will likely go towards a new IT manager position. And while efficiencies and "creative deployment of resources" could result in savings, the report warns, "As with any growing organization... additional resources will be required over time in response to increasing service demands, new programs and infrastructure management." Council voted to adopt the proposed changes, which will be implemented later this year.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

The new Bradford Ribfest team - front row, Vanessa Morum, Laura Martin, Marlene Brooks and Rhonda Brooks; standing, Alexandre Sousa, Jason Stavroff, Ricky Brooks, Steve McKeown and Matt Martin in front of the Zehrs Market.

New date for Bradford Ribfest

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

There's big news from the Bradford West Gwillimbury Community Events Association. Formerly the 'BWG Community Events Group,' the association has now registered officially as a not-for-profit organization, going through the challenging paperwork to ensure a solid framework for events that include Bradford Ribfest and Chilifest.

BWG Community Events Association has also announced that Ribfest has a new date: July 3 to 5, at the Zehrs Market north parking lot. Organizers are hoping to take advantage of better weather with the earlier date, offering the same great combination of music, food, and lip-smacking BBQ.

There is also a new date for the second annual Bradford Chilifest, which this year will take place in September - the perfect time for chili.

BWG Community Events has raised more than $30,000, in support of charities that include President's Choice Children's Charity, CrossTrainers, Kerry's Place Autism Service, the Bradford Legion, Bradford Scouts, and the Bradford Community Meal. Registration as a not-for-profit will allow the group to continue to support the community, and expand their efforts.

The association is now looking for volunteers to assist with Ribfest – greeters, servers, security, parking and clean-up. Apply at bradfordribfest.com/volunteers, or email bwgribfest@gmail.com. A volunteer orientation evening is planned; contact President Ricky Brooks for more information.

Conservatives must stop wasting our money on their self-promotion

Dr. Shaun Tanaka, Liberal candidate

Nearly a month ago, I wrote the Conservative incumbent to challenge him on the reality that he spends an estimated $654,000 on self-promotion. His own website admits, "Peter's expenses are above average..." I believe this is wrong for several reasons.

First, this is $654,000 of our tax dollars. It's more than the cost of a house. What's worse, the federal Conservative government has spent over $750 million on TV ads, which are often very partisan and promote the myth that the Harper government has been good for the economy, when in reality the independent Governor of the Bank of Canada says our growth rate is "atrocious" (in fact, it's the worst growth rate since the Great Depression in the 1930s).

Secondly, it's five months until the election, and the Conservatives are flooding the airwaves and our mailboxes with campaign-style ads and flyers—all paid for by taxpayers. That is fundamentally undemocratic and unfair. As the only candidate nominated against the Conservative in this riding, all my campaign materials are paid for thanks to local donors, not by tax dollars.

My opponent argued back that he cares about updating constituents. Were that the case, why has he not updated his website since 2013? Why no Facebook page to update residents as our local mayors are doing so well? The facts contradict his spin.

Thirdly, here's where things get very worrisome. My opponent shrugged off criticism that he abuses tax dollars on self-promotion, and brags that he gets some 30-40 'response cards' to the rather loaded questions his flyers often ask. That means, in a year, he gets 1500-2100 responses, or 15,600-21,000 over the past decade, all at taxpayers' expense. That's the number of votes needed to win in this riding.

CTV News reported, "Both the federal Liberals and the NDP have separate databases for constituency work and voter tracking. Data does not migrate between the two. But the Conservatives use a single clearing house for all data collection, storage, datamining, mailing lists, voter tracking and any other partisan use such information may serve".

I've asked my opponent to confirm he does not use tax dollars for this kind of "datamining", but he has yet to reply. Local constituents have a right to know how their information is being used, especially if it is being used for campaign purposes like fundraising.

Finally, I have argued this big expense on self-promotion is the wrong priority. Liberals propose to stop partisan ads and instead invest the savings into tax relief for the middle class and those working hard to join it. By going after Conservative waste, we can afford to cut the middle-class tax rate from 22% to 20.5%, saving you real money. We also propose combining and enhancing all the many child tax benefits into a single, tax-free and more effective Canada Child Benefit, which will give more money to more low- and middle-income families with kids (find out how much you'll save at www.liberal.ca/fairness/#tool).

Since raising this issue, there has been a groundswell of local residents writing letters to the editor about how they are disappointed to learn of this wastefulness on self-promotion. More than 2500 Canadians have also signed our petition to stop wasteful partisan self-promotion (available for you to sign at www.liberal.ca/petitions/stop-wasteful-partisan-ads/).

I am glad I challenged my opponent on this wastefulness, because we can and must do better.

Shaun Tanaka is the Liberal candidate for York—Simcoe. She grew up and lives in East Gwillimbury, and is a professor at the University of Toronto. Learn more at www.shauntanaka.ca.

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Opinion

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Point of View

Celebrating community

What started as three separate events turned into a celebration of Bradford West Gwillimbury, its roots, its diversity and its sense of community.

In the past, the opening of the Bradford Farmers' Market and the annual Run for Bradford (BWG) organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community were distinct events, separated by time and space – the market at the Bradford Public Library, the run taking place along rural 10 Sideroad.

Both contribute to the community. The market offers an opportunity to purchase local produce and support local farmers; the run raises funds for the library, recreation, heritage and the BWG Family Health centre. But there seemed to be no overt connection between them.

This year, those connections appeared, when the AMJ community decided to move the Run into Bradford, starting and finishing at the library on the same day as market opened, on May 23. Suddenly, there were synergies – especially when the new BWG Diversity Action Group joined in, unveiling a "Peace Tree", and announcing the winners of its diversity essay competition.

The combined event made apparent the links between agriculture, and the people of many origins who have come to Bradford West Gwillimbury to farm, to make a home, to build a community. Bradford West Gwillimbury has always been diverse, a combination of descendants of the early pioneers, waves of immigrants, and newcomers who have made the area their own, celebrating their roots and their own traditions, but also willing to share and to contribute.

By holding the three events together, May 23 became a day of community celebration for Bradford West Gwillimbury, that may open doors to additional activities. Cultural performance in the library? A multicultural food festival?

It's a celebration that can build mutual respect and understanding, and can only get bigger and better.

Letter to the Editor

SUBMITTED

Federal Liberal candidate Dr. Shaun Tanaka, and former Provincial Liberal Candidate Loralea Carruthers spoke to Bradford District High School students.

TANAKA SPEAKS TO YOUTH

On May 13, I held a youth roundtable at Bradford District High School. About 20 students sat down with federal Liberal candidate Dr. Shaun Tanaka, and past provincial Liberal candidate, trustee Loralea Carruthers. Topics included climate change, and post-secondary education.

Carruthers spoke about provincial programs, like the 30% off tuition grant, and investments in colleges and universities. She noted that the Harper Conservative government's big cuts make it harder for Ontario to invest in important programs like universities or public transit.

That's where Shaun Tanaka came in. Dr. Tanaka said that a future federal Liberal government would step back into a leadership role by investing to support students trying to afford post-secondary education, and by reversing Harper's multi-billion dollar cuts to transportation infrastructure and health care.

She spoke specifically about the lack of federal leadership in the effort against climate change. The Harper Conservatives have the worst environmental record in the Western world, she said, including ripping up protections for our lakes and rivers – and are an international disgrace in reducing greenhouse gases.

Dr. Tanaka suggested that Harper's failure to invest in the green economy is one reason why Canada has the worst economic growth rate since the Great Depression of the 1930s, with very high youth unemployment. She pointed out that the Conservatives promised to spend $30 million on a Youth Jobs Plan, but failed to spend most of the money – although they spent $11 million on national TV ads promoting the plan.

It is, she said, part of a pattern "of this Conservative government treating taxpayers' money as their own self-promotion fund."

Justin Trudeau has a better plan, Tanaka told the students; he would work with the provinces to fight climate change and to ensure a 70% post-secondary education attainment rate. The Liberals' "fairness plan" would also mean a tax cut for middle-income Canadians, which would help young people get ahead.

It was an open dialogue, with questions from the mostly Grade 11 and 12 students.

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Community renewal at Bradford United

REV. JIM KEENAN
Special to the Times

A friend of mine is Daniele Zanoti, CEO of York Region United Way.

I asked him one day how a small church such as ours can best serve the larger community. He was quick to reply: "The most precious asset you have is the close-knit, caring, supportive community you are. That kind of community connectedness is what we need most in our neighbourhoods today. Find ways to share the community life you have with others."

Share the community life you have with others? What does that mean to churches in our area that have been experiencing decline, or to the former members of churches that have closed over the past 30 years? Do we continue to wring our hands and cry out, "If only that hadn't happened?"

Why can't we fill the church with children, like we used to? How are we going to pay our expenses this year? How can we keep the doors open when we are getting older, and people who care are getting burned out? Who would want to share that kind of community life anyway?

Do we call in a fancy-dance church renewal guru? Apply business strategic planning techniques to our congregational operations, and come up with a super-duper vision statement and mission plan?

If any of this works for your congregation, great! I do know that 2014 at Bradford United Church was a year where the church community as a whole let go of that kind of thinking, and instead started to celebrate the goodness and value of the connectivity and fellowship with which we have been blessed.

We truly began to actively rejoice in who we are, rather than wish we were some other kind of church.

What shook the Spirit loose in our congregation was not in-depth conceptual analysis of our situation. Instead a team comprised mostly of church council members began a series of meetings by sharing with each other why they came to Bradford United in the first place, and what they have found there. Why have they stayed? What joy, what sense of purpose, meaning, comfort or support do they get from continuing to be part of the community?

The discussion was rich and beautiful, multi-faceted like a well-cut diamond. Sparks began to fly, and ideas - and the people participating started to feel good about the church community. They let go, heart-wise, of what they would have liked to be or what they could have been, and started feeling pretty good about who and what our congregation is and does in the community as a whole.

This kind of positivity led to an answer to the question of how we share this gift of genuine community life with others. Our answer: to begin sharing our community life with others, through dances, dinners, cards, and other get-togethers. Many of us started to invite our friends and neighbours to come worship with us. We worked hard on fundraisers together. We reached out together in many ways, to help those in need.

And in doing so, we grew in our appreciation of who we are as the congregation of Bradford United Church. We felt good about who we are – and that attracted a number of new families to our congregation. Our Sunday school has been small, but consistent. Our choir has been great.

We are a living, breathing, worshipping and celebrating church of Jesus Christ. In our 181st year, we continue to carry on the task our ancestors of faith were called to do: By who we are and what we do, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We still have many challenges, from the constant financial pinch, to making sure our efforts are shared as evenly as possible, so no one gets burned out, and others get to share the joy by sharing the work. We constantly need help. We need God – which is what it is all about, isn't it?

This is the unfolding story of Christ's work through our congregation. I know that Christ also has a great story for your congregation to tell. How does it begin?

Church News

Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, invites the community to a **Jump Into Summer Dance**, May 30 from 8 p.m. to midnight, at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 167 Essa St. Rock 'n Roll, Rhythm 'n Blues and Country with DJ Paul Rogers. $20 per person; call 905-775-7268. 19+ event; beer and wine will be available for purchase.

- Springdale Christian Reformed Church, located at 5 Sideroad and Canal Road in BWG, is hosting a **Strawberry Supper**, June 20 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Cold meats, salads, delicious desserts, and piles of luscious strawberries, only $15 adults, $7 for children ages 7-12, free for children 6 and under. Tickets at the door. For more information call 905-775-3731.

- St. Paul's Anglican (Coulson's Hill) annual Cemetery Service will take place on Sunday, June 21, at 2 p.m. - in the cemetery at Line 11, just west of Yonge St. Anyone with a connection to this historic cemetery is invited to attend. Bring a lawn chair and a sun hat. If the weather is unsuitable, the service will be held indoors at Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford.

- Strawberry Supper – Wednesday, June 24 at St. James United Church, 2230 Victoria St. W. In Stroud. There will be two sittings, at 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Cost is $16 for adults, $7.50 for kids 10 and under, take-out for $15. Call ahead to avoid disappointment, at 705-436-5225.

- St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill hosts a **Strawberry Supper**, June 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. - continuous servings. Adults $15, kids 12 and under, $10 – preschoolers eat for free.

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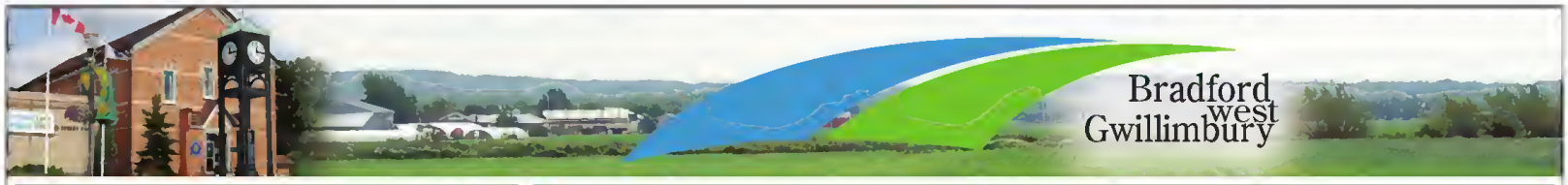

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- Tues. June 2 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

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- Mon. June 1 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom., 425 Holland St. W.

Downtown Revitalization Committee
- Wed. June 3 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm., 425 Holland St. W.

Seniors Housing Committee
- Tues. June 9 @ 7:30 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm.,425 Holland St. W.

PROCLAMATIONS

May 31-June 6 – Festa Della Repubblica Italiana Week
****A flag raising will take placed on Sunday, May 31st at 1:30 p.m. In front of the BWG Courthouse at 57 Holland St. E****
May 31-June 6 – National Access Awareness Week
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Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Human Resources Department
100 Dissette St, Unit 4 Box 100, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A7
Fax: 905-775-8633 or email hr@townofbwg.com

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

NOTICES

Have Your Say!

Residents invited to meet in person with Town Council members

Residents of BWG are invited to meet with your Town Council representatives to discuss issues, raise concerns and learn more about Council's plans and priorities. These informal Community Access Network (CAN) meetings will be held by ward and attended by your ward Councillor as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, so that you can exchange ideas and ask questions relating to your own neighbourhood as well as the entire Town.

You do not need to register, simply drop in.

Ward 3 – Saturday, May 30, 2015
Danube Seniors Leisure Centre
715 Simcoe Road
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The remaining ward meeting dates will be announced shortly. Information on upcoming CAN meetings will be published here on the Town Page as well as at www.TownofBWG.com and www.facebook.com/TownofBWG.

For more information, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366 or admin@townofbwg.com.

Town Wide Spring Flushing

Residents are advised that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Water Division will be starting their town wide annual program of flushing water hydrants. Water will be run at every hydrant to ensure a clean and fresh water supply for our municipal water customers.

This program will run from April 7 to May 29, 2015. The flushing will take place during the day from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

We hope to undertake the work on an area-by-area basis, but as the work may affect adjacent areas, we ask all customers to be patient during this time.

Should you experience discoloured water, please flush your system in the laundry tub and bath room for up to 10 minutes. If the water doesn't clear, please call our office at 905-778-2055 between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

We thank all residents for their continuing assistance and cooperation.

COMPETITIVE BID

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'With assistance, independent life is possible'

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The first-ever Global Accessibility Awareness Day took place at the Bradford Public Library on May 21 – and organizer Angie Bebee-Wright admitted to some butterflies, before the start of the event.

"Butterflies? More like Tyrannosaurus Rex or Big Bird," she said.

The day brought together a number of service providers, organizations and makers of assistive devices, to provide information and new technologies to the community.

"I wanted to be more people-oriented," Bebee-Wright said. "As a disabled person, I wanted people to know - with assistance, independent life is possible. Show people that it is do-able, in the community. You don't have to be sitting at home, watching T.V."

The event was officially opened by Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer. "I'd like to thank Angie for persevering, and doing so much work," he said. "Our town prides itself on being a town for everyone ... Unfortunately, we all have to learn, we all have to do better," to ensure the municipality is truly accessible.

A highlight of the event was the robotic arm, Jaco, developed by Kinova Rehab of Montreal. The elegant device can be affixed to a bed or wheelchair, to assist persons with spinal cord injury, or neuro-muscular conditions like ALS or Spinal Muscular Atrophy. "Basically anybody who has an upper body injury, this gives them the hands they don't have," said company representative Neil Hardie.

He provided a demonstration, using Jaco to pour water into a cup, then lift the cup to his mouth. "It is life-changing for people. I call it transformational, because it is," Hardie said. It is also "Canadian-conceived, designed and built," the only robotic arm in the world designed from the ground up to be an assistive device, he said.

"We're the other Canadian arm – the one that stays here on the ground."

Currently, cost is a barrier to use, Hardie admitted. The arm itself costs approximately $35,000; "By the time we get it on a wheelchair, it's closer to $38,000-$40,000."

There is no government funding available in Canada to help cover the cost – Canadians have had to fundraise for the device - but it's a different story overseas. "There's a lot of government support in Europe. We have about 250 in Holland, because it's fully-funded."

Global Accessibility Awareness Day also included wheelchair races. Artist and disability advocate Meade Helman challenged Councillor Peter Dykie Jr. to a timed race in the parking lot – and won.

"It's not that easy," said Dykie, as he struggled to steer the chair.

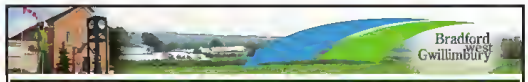
MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Opening Global Accessibility Awareness Day at the Bradford Public Library, from right, BWG Mayor Rob Keffer, Councillor Ron Orr, Angie Bebee-Wright and Meade Helman.

Not retiring

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Mary Ingoglia, owner of Mary & Vita's Hair Design in Bradford, is not retiring. She has simply decided to end the annual Vita & Stephanie Cut-athon for the Hospital for Sick Children's Cochlear Implant Unit, after 15 successful years of fundraising. This year's final Cut-athon raised a whopping $23,000. Congratulations to the Appreciation Draw winners – first prize of an iPad won by Derek, second prize (TV) won by Mary DiCapra of Newmarket; third prize (one-week holiday accommodation) winner Andrea Filby.



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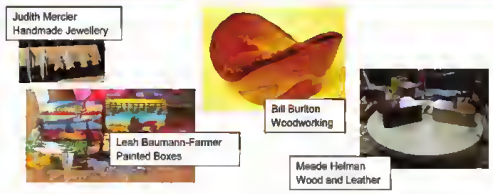

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Dates
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26

Time
4:30pm - 7:00pm

Location
Planning and Development Office
3541 Line 11
Bradford, On
L3Z 2A8
905-775-5369

Please feel free to contact our office for any additional information or questions.

The Planning and Development Services, Building Division will be offering extended hours of operation on select Wednesdays from June – August. The office will remain open from 4:30 – 7:00 pm in addition to regular business to process homeowner's applications for:

- Interior Alterations
- Pools/Hot Tubs
- Additions
- Decks
- Porches
- Carports/ Garage
- Accessory Dwelling Units / Basement Apartments

When is a building permit required?

Under the *Building Code Act* a building permit is required for the construction of an addition and/ or alteration to a building and/or the construction of a new building and/or structure over 10 square meters (108 square feet) in area. The homeowner is responsible to obtain a building permit.

Permits will be accepted and processed by appointment. For applications that do not require additional approvals (zoning variances, conservation approvals, etc.), we will aim to issue the permit while you wait.

In order to reduce waiting time, we will be serving applicants by appointment, however walk-ins are welcome. Appointments can be booked by calling 905-775-5369 ext. 1500, (same day bookings are permitted)

Information Required for a Building Permit Application

- Completed building application form/ schedule
- 2 sets of plans/ drawings
- Permit fees

Typical drawing requirements include (depending on project): floor plan, framing plans, foundation plans, cross sections, elevations, and the site plan. The drawings must clearly depict the nature and the extent of the proposed work.

Bill 124 Requirements for Designers

Designers must be qualified by the Provincial Government, to prepare drawings for home owner's projects. Unqualified designer drawings cannot be accepted.

Homeowners are authorized to submit their own designed drawings as they are exempt from the Provincial Government qualification requirement.

100 Dissette St. Unit 7 & 8, Bradford, ON L3Z 2A7 Tel: 905-775-5366 Extension 1100
Website: www.townofbwg.com

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Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer presents a Certificate of Appreciation, and thanks AMJ National Vice President Aziz Khalifa at the 5th annual Run for Bradford.

Celebrating Bradford

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Mayor Rob Keffer spoke of the importance of agriculture to the economy of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and thanked vendors and shoppers for supporting the market and the Shop Local movement.

He was joined by members of council, and by King Twp. Councillor Avia Eek who noted, "We share the (Holland) Marsh. It's all about agriculture being the backbone of the community" - and the Farmers' Market being "a community-builder."

The AMJ Run for Bradford is also about building community – bringing together residents of all backgrounds, to run in support of the library, recreation complex, Family Health Centre and local heritage.

For the past four years, the run has been held at the AMJ Property, on 10 Sideroad. This year, the decision was made to bring the fifth annual Run for Bradford into town, in the hope that "we will have more visibility, and more people," said organizer Munawar Chudary.

Mayor Keffer presented a certificate of appreciation, thanked the AMJ Community for its ongoing support, and for creating an event that stresses the importance of fitness.

There are now 65 chapters of the AMJ Community in Canada, and many of them have launched community runs. The Run for Vaughan, established 12 years ago, attracts approximately 1000 runners, and will be taking place at Canada's Wonderland in September. Next year, new runs will be launched in Milton and Vancouver.

National vice president of the AMJ, Aziz Khalifa told the mayor, "Members of our community are going to always be there for a good cause. We'll be there to help you."

Among the members of council participating in the 3K Run/Walk or 5K Run, Councillor Gary Baynes called the launch of the market and the Run for Bradford "a double-beader," noting that the town is known for both the Holland Marsh, and for "fitness and recreation." In fact, it was a "triple-header", as the new BWG Diversity Action Group announced that essay contest winners Victoria Tran (15 and under age category), and Angie Wright (16 and older) had won iPad Minis, and invited residents to decorate a Peace Tree with symbols of their culture and roots.

Councillor Raj Sandhu called it fitting that both the AMJ Run and Diversity Action Group event were held at the library - "a great place, the centre of the town." Sandhu pointed out that the AMJ Community's motto, "Love for All, Hatred for None" perfectly expresses the goal of the diversity group: that "together, we can make a positive society."

The Peace Tree, bearing "a symbolic representation of every culture," will be on display at the library until June 27. Residents are invited to tie a coloured ribbon to a branch – or bring their own symbol of their roots, to display and share, and celebrate.

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Russ Clayton performs at the Bradford Farmers Market on Opening Day.

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Serge Singh of the BWG Diversity Action Group and a member of Bradford's Sikh community, plays the Dhol drum at the opening of the Run for Bradford.

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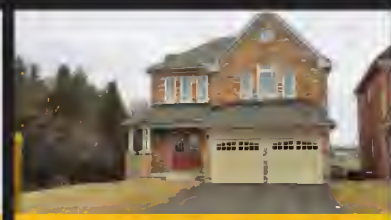

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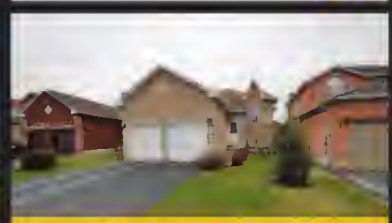

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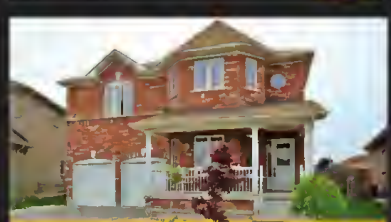

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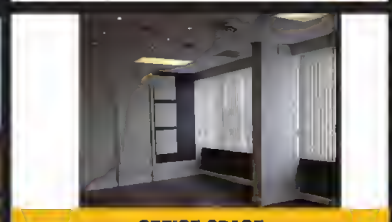

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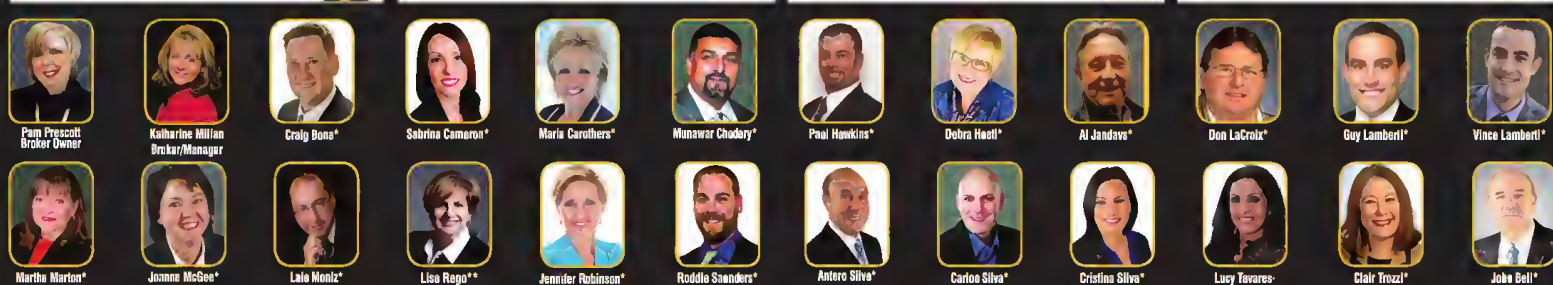

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- **The annual Dominic Saniga Horseshoe Tournament** will be taking place on Saturday, June 13 at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. All are welcome. Details at the legion, or call 905-775-5025.

- On June 20, Newfie Corner and Alice's Handmade host a **Newfie Kitchen Party**, with a full Jiggs Dinner – starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost is $25 per person, or $40 per couple. Music starts at 8 p.m., with Bernie Blanchard, Marty Delaney, Neil and the Newfie Express. Bring your instruments and your voice, to join in the fun. For tickets, call 705-424-9378 or 905-775-6245.

- **Friday Night Social Time:** Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, Culinary Arts Students of Bradford District High School serve dinner for a moderate fee, followed by music and camaraderie. Don't forget - on the first Friday of the month, enjoy karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. No cover charge.

- **Wednesday nights are Cribbage Nights** at the legion. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.; cost to play is $5. And euchre takes place the first and third Saturday of each month, with registration at 1 p.m., play at 1:30 p.m. All welcome.

- Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the legion or the Ladies' Auxiliary. For more information, contact 905-775-5025. The hall at the legion is available at reasonable rates. Call the branch at 905-775-5025 for details.

Camp Day at Tim Hortons

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Firefighters' charity car wash

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Bradford Firefighters' annual car wash for charity takes place Saturday, June 13 – with a new venue, and a new partner.

The car wash, a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy and other charities, will be taking place in the parking lot of the Canadian Tire Store at 430 Holland St. West. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents can bring in their vehicles to be washed by firefighters, using hoses and the aerial ladder truck, for a donation - and enjoy the BBQ at The Canadian Grill, which has promised to donate 50% of its sales for the day.

This year, some of the money raised will go to Canadian Tire Jumpstart – a registered charity that helps kids get involved in organized sports, by covering the costs of membership fees, equipment and training. The goal is to ensure that kids aren't excluded from the game, just because their families are facing financial constraints.

Last year, the car wash was held at the Walmart Supercentre in Bradford, which led to a disappointment. Walmart had promised to match the funds raised by the firefighters, but backed out of the commitment.

"It's very disappointing. It means we raised half of what we thought," said firefighter Allan Grant. He said he was told that the company would only give money directly to a registered charity. "They don't trust us. We've been doing this for 40 some-odd years, and at the end of the day, it's the charities that suffer, because we have only half the money we thought we had."

This year, with the support of Canadian Tire, The Canadian Grill, and the community, firefighters are sure there will be no disappointments.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Junior Fire Chiefs, Johnny, 9 and Luciano, 5, enjoyed a tour of the firetruck, outside the Bradford Library as part of Diversity Day, the Run for Bradford, and Opening of the Bradford Farmers' Market.

Original Handmade in BWG

Discover the arts and crafts of Bradford West Gwillimbury at BWG Original Handmade – an art show and sale at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, drop by for the show and sale of handmade jewellery by Judith Mercier, Leah Baumann-Farmer's hand-painted boxes, turned wood creations of Bill Burlton, wood and leather crafts by Meade Helman, hand-built pottery by Erika Helman, Vivian Wallace's stone lamps, whimsical creative polymer clay works by Pook Designz, Coral Dryden's beautiful printed and painted cards, and the finely-crafted period reproduction furniture of Bruce Chambers. An opportunity to support local artists and artisans.

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Community plants trees along Fraser Creek

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About 40 volunteers, including members of Team Home Depot in Bradford, picked up shovels, buckets of mulch, stakes and spiral collars, and participated in the South Simcoe Streams Network's Community Work Party day, planting trees in Bradford on May 23.

The volunteers, working along a stretch of Fraser Creek, planted red and hybrid maples, tamarack, white cedars, spruce and pine - "a nice mix," said Silvia Pedrazzi of Nottawasaga Futures – some bare-rooted, and some potted "orphaned" stock, provided by nurseries like Somerville.

She was thankful to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury for providing mulch, to help the newly-planted trees survive the dry weather, and to Home Depot. Not only did Home Depot send a team of volunteers, including Bradford store manager Teresa Payment and Team Captain Rob Watson, the company donated a $1200 gift card, making it possible for South Simcoe Streams Network to purchase a new wheelbarrow, weed-whacker, shovels and gloves. "Things we've needed and haven't been able to get. They've been very helpful," Pedrazzi said.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Home Depot provided a gift card for the South Simcoe Streams Network's Community Work Party Day, used to purchase new equipment, including a wheelbarrow. At left, Silvia Pedrazzi of the South Simcoe Streams Network thanks Bradford's Team Home Depot, who helped plant almost 400 trees along Fraser Creek.

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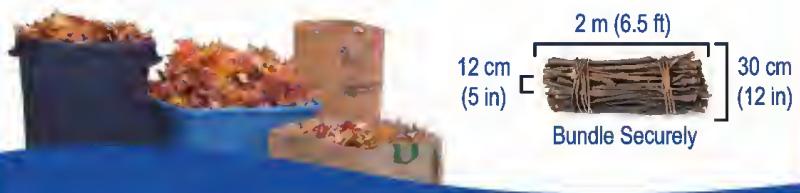

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Spring into Scanlon

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Bird-watching, the energy-efficiency home, the rehabilitation of Scanlon's Reservoir and creation of new trails – it was all part of the Friends of Scanlon Creek's Spring Into Scanlon, at the popular conservation area north of Bradford, May 23. The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Brian Kemp led a tour of the former "pond," where the flow of Scanlon Creek has been restored, the banks re-vegetated, and new trails laid out. Friend of Scanlon, Ken Vogan taught the basics of birding, and led a hike through the woods that spotted Indigo Buntings, and a curious House Wren. And over at the Children's Discovery Play Garden, Bridget Vogan and her volunteers offered face-painting, crafts, a scavenger hunt, parachute games and bubble-blowing, for the families who came out to enjoy a day at the park. Here, Liam chases bubbles at Scanlon Creek.

Bottle drive for Leukemia

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

The Beer Store hosted its annual Bottle Drive for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, May 23 and 24, raising funds for life-saving research and support through returns at nearly 450 retail stores. "This is our 10th year, doing the bottle drive. We raise basically a million dollars a year," said Team Captain Dave Thornton, who helped organize the Bottle Drive at the Bradford Beer Store. Thornton set up the Coors tent at the front doors, arranged for a Silent Auction of sweatshirts, hats, umbrellas and team rings donated by Molson, and marshaled a group of volunteers to help unload and carry the donated "empties." He's hoping the Leukemia Bottle Drive in Bradford will get bigger, and better, each year. "Next year, there will be a BBQ!" Pictured, team leader Dave Thornton collects empties.

Out loud, at the Library

The Bradford Public Library hosted another Free Family Saturday on May 23 – inviting families to drop in and enjoy crafts and games, this time on a Scooby-Doo Party theme. Scooby-Doo is the talking dog in a popular cartoon series, and kids had fun making Scooby masks, and solving mysteries.

The library, located at 425 Holland St. West, is offering a range of special programs and events in the coming weeks – including events that break the boundaries of tradition. Rather than the hush of a classic library, the Bradford Library and Cultural Centre is inviting patrons to speak and sing out loud, at:

. **Acoustic Open Mic Night**, Thursday, May 28 in the Zima Room. Bring a tune or two to share, or just come and listen, from 7 to 9 p.m. Sign-up at 7, performers will take the stage starting at 7:15 p.m., for 3 to 10 minutes. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

. **Words Out Loud** is an evening of spoken, recited and performed works. Monday, June 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to share, entertain and inspire, in a supportive atmosphere.

. **The Bradford Children's Choir**, under the direction of Danielle Aaron, will perform "A Pocketful of Music", in the Zima Room on June 12, from 7 to 8 p.m. By donation; for information, contact 705-331-6058.

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Kaylee, 4, makes a craft at the Free Family Saturday at the Bradford Public Library.

. Jazz vocalist and songwriter **Jordana Talsky** performs in concert at the Bradford Public Library, June 18 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

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Staff at the Bradford branch of Scotiabank, including branch manager David Trace and volunteer Sandra Romeiro-Adams, present a cheque to St. Jean de Brebeuf Principal James Murphy for the school's breakfast program.

Scotiabank supports local breakfast program

Bradford Times Staff

Scotiabank has not only been raising funds for the breakfast program at St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School in Bradford, several staff at the branch are volunteers.

"We just go and help out with the program, and serve breakfast to the kids," said Sandra Romeiro-Adam. She and fellow employee Solomiya Holak have been volunteering once a week since the start of the school year, helping to ensure that all kids at St. Jean can have a healthy, nutritious breakfast.

Program organizer Benedita Wilkerson and school principal James Murphy accepted a cheque for $500 from Scotiabank, money raised through book sales and collection jars at the bank.

"It's been wonderful having you guys volunteer and work at the school," said Murphy, thanking Scotiabank for its commitment.

Not only is the funding appreciated, "To have an extra set of hands is just marvelous," added Wilkerson.

Scanlon, Back St. on the list for reconstruction

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has awarded the contract for the design and engineering of the reconstruction of Scanlon Ave., Back St., Rebecca St. and Buce Ave. to the firm, Accardi Schaeffers. The $524,447 contract will also include contract administration during the period of construction.

The amount was $184,000 over the $350,000 originally budgeted for the project in 2015; council was asked to shift the difference from the $2.4 million 2016 construction budget. In fact, noted Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee, Accardi Schaeffers won't actually receive payment for 'contract administration' until 2016. He called the adjustment a "paper shuffle."

"In reality the expenditures will not exceed what we have in the current budget," Mukherjee said.

Councillor Mark Contois questioned why the report to council did not include details of the financials from all six proposals received. "I want to see it. I want to be informed. I don't think we should be accepting this until we see the numbers."

He was advised that since these were "requests for proposals," and not straight tender bids, the scoring was based not only on the dollar amount but a range of other criteria – including experience and capability of the firm, qualifications, approach, and proposed time frame.

"We can certainly provide the ranking of the consultants," said Mukherjee – without giving away "competitive advantage."

Council approved the award of the contract to Accardi Schaeffers. Councillor Peter Dykie Jr. voted against, advising that he could not support work on any street other than Valleyview, in advance of a revised Roads Needs Study.

"The streets involved are in dire straits," responded Councillor Gary Baynes, suggesting that the design and engineering studies are needed, before repairs proceed. "Until you do these studies, you aren't going to know the full cost of reconstruction... We should be doing more engineering and design."

Mukherjee affirmed that the estimated construction costs will depend on the design – and promised that if those costs exceed the amount budgeted, the project will come back to council for further review.

Spring fairs and festivals

The **90th Annual Mount Albert Sports Day and Spring Fair** takes place June 5, 6 and 7 in Mount Albert – with a community gathering at the Fairgrounds, a Parade at 7:30 p.m. on June 5, Mixed Slo-Pitch Tourney, Pet Contest, Hot Air Balloon Rides, midway, 5K Run/Walk, free family BBQ, and a Main Street Market featuring vendors, artisans and community groups. For more information see *mountalbertsportsday.com* A fundraiser for the community.

- **Wing Ding!** Cookstown's 32nd annual Community-wide Yard Sale returns, June 6 and 7 – with vendors, music, craft and sidewalk sales, High Tea at the South Simcoe Theatre (1 Hamilton St.). A highlight is the Coziest Chair contest, challenging residents and artists to transform any old chair into a creative fantasy! Chairs will be on display at the Cookstown Chamber of Commerce offices, 19 Queen St. - and visitors are invited to vote for People's Choice.

- **Summerfest!** The 20th Annual Innisfil Summerfest takes place June 12- 14 at Innisfil Beach Park, an event organized by the Innisfil Community Events Corporation. Features a classic car show with the Innisfil Beach Cruisers, vendors, crafters, live entertainment by Lindsay Broughton on Friday night, Glory Days Bruce Springsteen tribute band on Saturday night, and The Martels on Sunday. Saturday will also see the Innisfil's Got Talent talent show on the main stage, and Fireworks at dusk! Bring a donation for the local food bank. For information see *www.icecorp.org* or call 705-436-5388.

- **14th Annual Windfall Ecology Festival** takes place June 13 and 14 at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Includes green vendors, displays, Craft Beer tasting, cooking demonstrations, Frankie Flowers, Cathy's Crawly Composters, and live entertainment by The Fiscals, David Henman, Dulcimerhead, Russ Clayton and more.

- **The Barrie Native Friendship Centre annual Pow Wow** takes place Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14 – featuring food, crafts and traditional dancing, at Springwater Provincial Park! Grand Entry at noon at 7 p.m. on Saturday, noon on Sunday. All welcome. Admission $5.

- **Wheels and Tracks in Motion!** The Historical Construction Equipment Association of Canada and the Simcoe County Museum partner to present this show and demonstration of heavy equipment, at the Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 north of Barrie. See antique equipment in action and talk to the operators, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 13 and 14.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Anonymous Angels, a group of knitting and crocheting enthusiasts who donate the proceeds of their sales to send kids to summer camp, had a booth at the Beeton Honey Festival in Beeton.

Creative chairs, for Cookstown's Wing Ding

Staff

Cookstown is gearing up for its annual Wing Ding – a village-wide Yard Sale and celebration that will take place June 6 and 7.

Sidewalk sales, vendors, yard sales, a Strawberry Shortcake tea and showcase of play readings at Cookstown's South Simcoe Theatre, fundraising bake sales and barbecues – all that and more will entice visitors and bargain hunters from across the region.

The event is organized by the Cookstown Chamber of Commerce, and once again the chamber is partnering with local artists and the Around the Corners art group to add a cultural dimension to Wing Ding.

Not only has the Creative Chair contest returned – with decorated chairs on display at the Chamber of Commerce office at 19 Queen St., inviting the public to drop by and vote for People's Choice – there is also a Mystery Mural, 20 panels that will be pieced together to make a 4' by 5' mural to be unveiled at Wing Ding.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Snakes and Ladders chair, created by Bond Head resident June Chambers, for this year's Creative Chair Competition, part of Cookstown's Wing Ding. The chairs are on display at the Chamber of Commerce office in Cookstown.

A meet-the-artist reception was held at the chamber ofices on May 23, when 11 Creative Chair entries were on display – including the clever "Snakes-and-Ladders" chair created by Bond Head resident June Chambers, and "Daisy" - an installation by the recreation programmers and residents at Woods Park Care Centre in Barrie, and based on the poem "Warning" by Jenny Joseph.

Contest organizer, artist Christina Luck was delighted with the response to this year's competition. There were plenty of surprises, she said – and it will be a challenge for the judges to choose the winners. Winners will be announced at noon on June 7.

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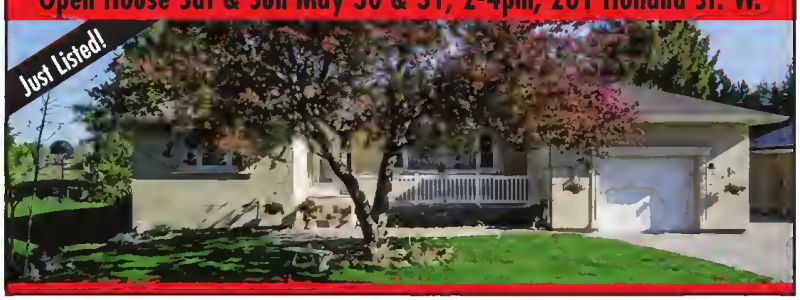

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Minor Softball... on the diamonds

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T-BALL DIVISION

Ryan's Landscaping – 10, Elliott's Towing – 7. Excellent game by all; thank you to all the parents who help out, both on the field and on the bench!

ATOM DIVISION

Royalty Stone – 6, State Farm – 5. Royalty had great defense from pitcher Daniele C., big hits from Rilyn M., hot catching by Mookie H. State Farm had an amazing play from Luca, 2 hits and an RBI from Isabella, and 2 runs from Trinity.

Selectronics – 11, Vin Bon – 5. Selectronics' Halyn had a huge triple; Amelia made a great catch for an out at 2nd base; great pitching from Keith.

MITE DIVISION

Ron Lock Mortgages – 11, Heather Haddon Tax Prep – 4. Ron Lock's Matteo C had a perfect on-base3 percentage, and smashed a bases-loaded home run to seal the win. Great efforts by Will S. And Philippe H.

SQUIRT DIVISION

Doggiewood Stars – 20, East Gwill Galbraith Law – 7, in a great first outing for both teams. Doggiewood's Darcy Mott had a fantastic triple, Meagan had a great hit to right field.

PEEWEE DIVISION

HH Powerhouse Connection – 16, Drive True Mechanical – 15, in a close game. Quinn H. Hit a huge bases-clearing 3 RBI double in the 4th, igniting the comeback that gave Powerhouse the win.

BANTAM/MIDGET

A & W High Voltage – 9, Back Alley Cruisers – 5. Great catch in left field for A & W by Travis L.

Tottenham Sacco Steel – 12, Ballawoods – 3. Jack S. had a great triple for Ballawoods; and Mauricio Q. Had an in-the-park home run.

Canadian Grill fundraiser for Jumpstart

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

This weekend, The Canadian Grill – located in the parking lot of Bradford's Canadian Tire Store, at 430 Holland St. West – will hold its annual fundraiser for the Jumpstart Program in Bradford, a charity that helps cover the costs of participating in sports so that all kids can play. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 100% of sales at the food truck will be donated to Jumpstart; Canadian Tire has promised to match the funds raised. The goal is to raise a total of $1800, one order of poutine or sausage at a time.

News Brief

Splash Pads open

On Monday, June 1 Bradford West Gwillimbury's two splashpads – one at the Lions Park, and the other at Alan Kuzmich Memorial Park at the south end of town – will be opening for the summer season.

The Splash Pads will operate seven days a week, from June to September, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. Water spray features are timer-controlled, and can be activated by touching the top of a red pole at each location.

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Running and walking for Easter Seals kids

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Hundreds of runners and walkers in neon-coloured t-shirts gathered at Riverwalk Commons in Newmarket, May 24, for the 39th Annual Run/Walkathon for Easter Seals.

It was a far cry from the first run, organized in 1976 by Joe Persechini, which saw a handful of participants raise money for Easter Seal children by running from Newmarket, down Yonge St. to The Village Inn in Bradford.

Over the past 39 years, the event has grown into one of Easter Seals' major fundraisers, raising over $3.7 million in total for children with physical disabilities, under the sponsorship of Upper Canada Mall.

Joe Persechini, now a councillor for the Town of Newmarket, continues to be very much involved. He was on hand, thanking the participants for supporting York Region's 384 Easter Seals children and the thousands of kids in Ontario struggling with disabilities – inviting everyone to come out next year, for the 40th Annual Run, and "bring a friend!"

He also helped to present Easter Seals' first Rosalie Persechini Award, named in honour of his late wife – given to York Regional Police Auxiliary and band manager Hans Uhr, for his work over the years in keeping walkers safe.

Persechini was joined on stage by this year's provincial Easter Seals Ambassadors – 15-year-old Victoria Chen, and 10-year-old Joshua Zeiter. The ambassadors thanked the participants in the 10K Run, and 5K Run/Walk, before sending them on their way, along Newmarket's Tom Taylor Trail.

Bradford resident Jose Carvalho placed first in the 5K Run. "I'm not in the best shape this year," admitted Carvalho, who finished with a time of 18:09. He has participated in the Easter Seals run every year since 1994. "I love it!" he said.

His brother Fernando finished 1st in the 10K. Fernando started raising funds and walking for Easter Seals while still in Elementary school, inspired by school visits from Joe Persechini's team. The run was exciting, Fernando said. "It was down Yonge St... The overhead shots showed thousands of people!"

Persechini carried on a tradition that he started decades ago: he stood under the starting banner, congratulating each runner and walker as they crossed the finish line.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Run founder Joe Persechini, left, congratulates Bradford runner, Fernando Carvalho who finished first in the 10K Run for Easter Seals, held in Newmarket.

Come join the Inside Ride

On June 2, the Inside Ride is coming to Bradford District High School.

Inside Ride is an indoor spin cycling challenge and fundraising event, raising money in support of children with cancer and their families, and organized by Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation. The students and staff of BDHS invite community members to join them in this day of music, costumes, prizes and fundraising.

To participate, create a team of six, register your team online and fill out a waiver package (available at BDHS, 70 Professor Day Drive in Bradford). Teams must raise a minimum of $300 ($50 a person), to participate by riding laps on spinning bikes set up in the high school's gym. For more information, contact Ms. Brake at 905-775-2262 (ext. 41361) or jbrake @scdsb.on.ca. All of funds raised will go towards fighting children's cancers.

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Bradford Lions golf tourney

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The Bradford Lions Club hosts the 16th Annual Joe Magani Golf Tournament at The Highlands Golf Club in Bradford on Weds., June 10. Cost is $125 per person, for lunch, dinner, golf and cart, to support Lions' initiatives. Sponsorship opportunities are now available – ranging from hole sponsorships for $100 each, to lunch sponsorship for $500, to a $2,500 corporate sponsorship. Donations of prizes and items for the Silent Auction are also wanted. For more information contact Gavin MacLean, 905-778-8819 or the Bradford Lions, 905-775-9170. Here, Bradford Lions get ready to tee off, for the Joe Magani Memorial Golf Tourney.

Community Listings

THURS., MAY 28

PLANT AUCTION: Bond Head & District Horticultural Society annual Spring Auction Sale. May 28 at 7 p.m., at the Danube Seniors Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. Bradford.

SCHOMBERG SPRING FAIR: At the Schomberg Fairgrounds, May 28-31. Midway, Homecraft exhibits, Creature Quest on Sat. and Sun., Heavy Horse 6-horse hitch competition on Sat. at 1:30 p.m., Horse Pull on Sun. at 1 p.m. Admission is free on Thurs., then $12 adults, $10 seniors, $5 children.

FRI., MAY 29

SERVICES FOR SENIORS: CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) hosts a Services for Seniors Showcase at the Holland Landing Community Centre, Holland Landing, 1-3:30 p.m. Displays, Door Prizes, Presentations, including "Being a Savvy Senior" by York Regional Police.

SAT., MAY 30

BARRIE GARDEN CLUB: The club's annual plant sale will take place from 8 a.m. to noon at Sunnidale Park in Barrie. Come out and get a variety of perennials for great prices. For more, visit visit www.barriegardenclub.com.

PLANT & TAILGATE SALE: The Gilford & District Horticultural Society hosts its annual Plant, Bake and Tailgate Sale at the South Innisfil Arboretum, ShoreAcres Drive and 20th SR in Innisfil, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wanted, Vendors for the Tailgate Sale. Please call Judith Matchett at 705-456-3299.

JUMP INTO SUMMER DANCE: Bradford United Church hosts Jump Into Summer, an evening of dancing to rock 'n roll, rhythm 'n blues and Country, provided by DJ Paul Rogers, TNT DJ services. At Holy Martyrs of Japan Church hall, 167 Essa St. 8 p.m. on May 30. 19+ event with beer, wine and liquor available, and a late "lunch." For tickets call 905-775-7268; also available at the door.

BWG ORIGINAL HANDMADE: Show and sale of Arts and Crafts at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford, May 30 and 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE: a fundraiser for St. Peter's Anglican Church (Churchill). The sale will take place at 400 Market-Roadshow Antiques, outside, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as parishioners sell treasures and antiques. For info, contact Linda, 705-436-9769.

SUN., MAY 31

OUT OF THE SHADOWS: And into the Light, an interactive psychic workshop and group reading with Psychic Medium Lori Kinrade, at the Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St. West in Alliston, 2-4 p.m. Also at the Bradford Public Library, June 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets $25 - a fundraiser for My Sister's Place Shelter for abused women; for tickets call 705-440-7106 or www.mysistersplace.ca - $30 at the door.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE: 30th Anniversary Service at Bradford Baptist Church, 10:30 a.m. 10 Sideroad south of the 9th Line BWG.

TUES., JUNE 2

INSIDE RIDE AT BDHS: Teams will ride spinning bikes to raise funds to fight pediatric cancers, in the Inside Ride of Coast to Coast Against Cancer. For details contact Jenn Brake at 905-775-2262 ext 41361 or jbrake@scdsb.on.ca Community Teams welcomed.

WEDS., JUNE 3

WALK FOR A HEALTHIER FUTURE: Join Sole Mates Walking Club, 8 a.m. in the food court of Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket, for info and inspiration.

THURS., JUNE 4

FOUR PLAY SHOWCASE OF PLAY READINGS: South Simcoe Theatre presents a showcase of play readings, June 4 to 7 at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown. Different line-up of new and classic plays each day, with performances at 8 p.m. June 4-6, and 2 p.m. June 7. Tickets $5 at the door. On Friday, hear Bradford playwright drew Murdoch's new play, Roamin' in the Gloamin.

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED?

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Deadline for inclusion in Thursday's paper is Tuesday at 10 a.m. Listings of 50 words or less must be sent as a text document or in the body of an e-mail.

FRI., JUNE 5

SPORTS DAY: Mount Albert Sports Day & Spring Fair, June 5-7 at the Fairgrounds. Includes a parade at 7:30 p.m. on June 5, Pet Contest, Hot Air Balloon Rides, 5K Run/Walk, free family BBQ and more. See mountalbertsportsday.com

SAT., JUNE 6

WING DING: Cookstown's annual community wide yard sale returns, June 6 and 7, starting at 8 a.m. Food, vendors, music, and the Creative Chair Contest - see the entries at the Cookstown Chamber of Commerce office, 19 Queen St.

GOLF TOURNEY: Simcoe County Carriage Driving for the Disabled fundraising Golf Tourney at Bear Creek GC in Utopia, Essa Twp., 11 a.m. For tickets contact Frank and Sharon Wice, 705-456-3316.

OUT OF THE SHADOWS: My Sister's Place shelter hosts a fundraising interactive psychic workshop and group reading with Psychic Medium Lori Kinrade at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets to Out of the Shadows & Into the Light are $25 in advance, at www.mysistersplace.ca or $30 at the door.

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES: Production by Music in Motion Performing Arts Studio, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Stephen Leacock Theatre, Keswick. Tickets $10, available at MIMPA, www.mimpa.ca or call 905-778-0440.

SUN., JUNE 7

TAPESTRY CHAMBER CHOIR: Tapestry Choir and the York Chamber Ensemble perform Brahms' Requiem, Vivaldi's Summer, and Dvorak's Serenade in D Minor, at Marylake Shrine in King City, 3 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for seniors, at www.tapestrychoir.ca or www.yorkchamberensemble.ca

BWG TRAILS DAY: Trails Day and the annual Mayor's Walk for Health take place at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, off the 9th Line of BWG north of Bradford, starting at 10 a.m. Enjoy a 1K, 1.5K or 2K guided hike, rain or shine. Dress for the weather. Free BBQ to follow.

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We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Simcoe County Paramedical Services, Bradford Fire Services, South Simcoe Police, Dr. Susan Kuzmyk and Bill Skwarchuk and staff for their excellent care.
Sincere thanks to Rev. Jim Keenan from Bradford United Church for his words of comfort and the ladies of St. John's Presbyterian Church for the lovely luncheon following the service.
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Obituaries

WELLWOOD, Geoffrey Allan - At Southlake Regional Health Centre Newmerket on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Geoff Wellwood in his 79th year, beloved husband of Gloria, and the late Katherine King, and Gail Burns. Loving father of Donna Bonsma, Brian Wellwood (Patricia MacLean), and Chere Brown (Randy Balfour). Remembered with love by his grandchildren: Montyce, Kirsten, Jasmine, and his great granddaughters: Nevaeh and Kayleigh. Dear brother of Nola (Jack) Disher. Sadly missed and fondly remembered by his many friends, acquaintances, and extended family. The family will receive friends at Sir William Mulock Secondary School, 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket, L3X 2M7 on Sunday, May 31, 2015 from 2:30pm until time of Memorial Service at 3:30 pm. Refreshments will follow. In Memoriam donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **ROD ABRAMS FUNERAL HOME TOTTENHAM.**
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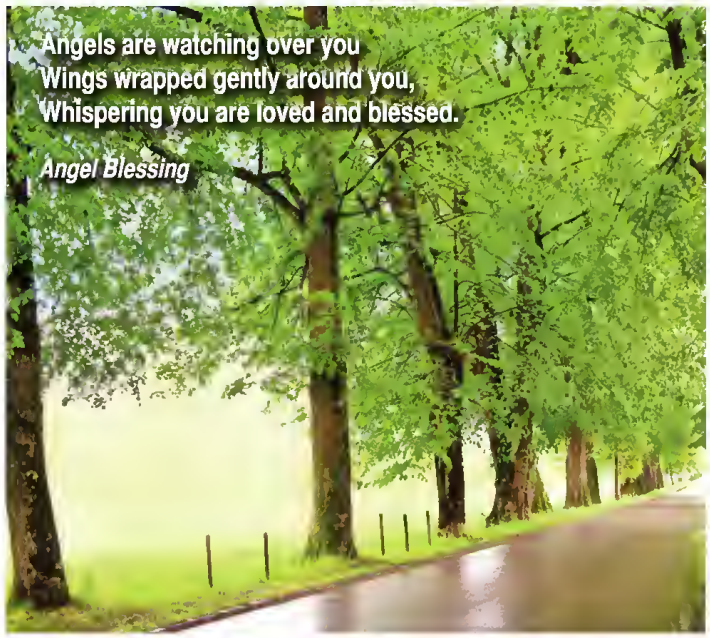
Obituaries

CRANG, Pat - Peacefully passed away with family at her side on Tuesday, Mey 19, 2015. Pet Crang (née Carter) of Bradford in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the lete Doug Crang. Loving mother of Suzanne (Rodney) Darwin, Karen Parrell, late Johnny Crang, Kathryn (Ken) Simpson and Jim (Darlene) Crang. Grandma of Frances, Olivia, Aurora; Nicholas, Bethany (Nima), Nathan; Douglas, Jonathan (Kristy), Emily (Greg); Jessica (James), Aaron (Cassie) and Alayna. Great-grandma of Neysa, Ava, Skylar and Charli. Dear sister of late Stanley "Mike" Carter, late Phyllis Hill and David Hill. A celebration of Pat's life will be held at a later date. In Pat's memory, donations may be made to Bradford Valley Resident Council. Arrangements entrusted to **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford.



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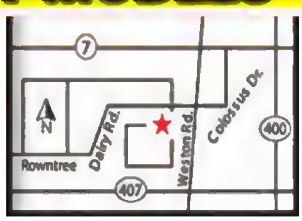

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